Statement-II

Ministry of Communications Department of Post

Backlog of vacancies as identified on 1.8.96 and target fixed to be achieved by 31.3.97 are as follows:

	Group 'C'	Group 'D'	Total
Scheduled Castes	248	49	297
Scheduled Tribes	382	91	473
TOTAL:	630	140	770

Eviction notices to civilian employees of Delhi Station Headquarters

*72. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some civilian occupants of Defence in married accommodation of Delhi Station Headquarters have been issued notices for eviction and damage rent though these allotments are for more than 30 days;

(b) if so, the details of each of the allotments made between May 1993 to December 1996;

(c) whether notices for eviction orders and damage rent orders have been issued simultaneously; and

(d) if so, justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the Annexure (*See Appendix 180, Annexure No.* 10]

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir Notices have been issued by the Estates Officer only to those persons who have been declared unauthorised occupants. Such occupants are issued two simultaneous notices—one for eviction under Sub Section (2) of Section 4 of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971 and the other for payment of damage rent under Sub Section (3) of Section 7 of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971.

Drug Procurement Policy for Defence Medical Establishments

*73. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be plesed to state:

(a) whether there is any drug procurement policy for supply of drugs for the medical establishments under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether sick companies within the provisions of Sick Industries Companies Act, 1985 are, under the parameters of such policy debarred from becoming vendors for the defence medical establishments; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) As per policy of the Ministry of Defence relating to procurement of drugs for supply to the Armed Forces Hospitals, Tender Enquiries are issued to the firms registered with Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) under the Ministry of Health and Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) which hold a valid licence. Purchase is made from the lowest acceptable tender. As per the guide-lines for assessment and registration of vendors

for supply of stores to Defence, sick companies as defined in the "Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985" and which have been declared sick by the competent central/state Government authority, are not eligible for registration.

Opening of Branch Post Offices in Punjab and U.P.

*74. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Branch Post Offices sanctioned and opened district-wise during 1995-96 and 1996-97 in the States of Punjab and U.P.;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats, district-wise in U.P. and Punjab which do not have Branch Post Offices; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide postal facilities in all Gram Panchayats in those States?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The District-wise number of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices Sanctioned and opened during the year 1995-96 and 1996-97 in the States of Punjab and U.P. is given in Statement-I & II respectively. (See below).

(b) The District-wise number of Gram Panchayats in Punjab and U.P. which do not have Branch Post Offices is given in Statement-III & IV respectively (See below).

(c) Post Offices are opened progressively subject to norm based justification and availability of fund. All villages in the country including Gram Panchayat Villages which have a population of 500 or above are provided the facility of clearance of letter boxes. All Villages in the country are, however, provided the facility of dayly delivery of mail through Extra Departmental Agents.

Statement I

District-wise Number of Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices Sanctioned and Opened during 1995-96 and 1996-97 in Punjab

Year	Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices	
			Sanctioned	Opened
1995-96	1.	Jalandhar	1	1
		Total:	1	1
1996-97	1.	Ropar	1	1
	2.	Sangrur	1	1
	3.	Ferozepur	1	1
		Total:	3	3